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1. SUMMARY: GREEK INJURIES, TURK TRAVEL PLANS RAISE QUESTION
WHETHER EXPERTS CAN MEET TIMETABLE SET AT LAST MEETING AND
PRESENT USEFUL DOCUMENT BY JUNE 5. END SUMMARY.

2. MAY 20 GREEK CYPRIOT MEMBERS OF EXPERTS COMMITTEE, TORNARITIS AND TRIANTAFYLIDES, HAD CAR WRECK WHILE RACING TO LARNACA AIRPORT. TRIANTAFYLIDES HOSPITALIZED WITH BROKEN ARM; TORNARITIS CONVALESCING AT HOME. THEY HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND MAY 21 COE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING IN STRASBOURG, TO DISCUSS POST-PONEMENT OF DEBATE ON GOC COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY. WE UNDERSTAND, FROM UN AND OTHER ACCOUNTS, THAT PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DECIDE BETWEEN GOT REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION OF DEBATE AND GOC RE-

QUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JULY. LAWYER FROM GOC'S AG'S OFFICE, LOUKAIDES, WILL PRESUMABLY REPRESENT GOC AT TODAY'S MEETING.

3. AFTERNOON MAY 20, TURK CYPRIOT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE WERE TOLD ON TWO-HOURS' NOTICE TO PREPARE TO LEAVE FOR STRASBOURG, REPORT-EDLY TO MEET CONTINGENCY THAT GOC TEAM MIGHT PRESS ITS ORIGINAL CMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY. TURK MEMBERS PLAN TO DEPART CYPRUS TODAY.

4. UMIT SULEYMSNN, MEMBER TURK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATING TEAM, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 21 THAT TURKISH SIDE FEELS IT WAS TRICKED ONCE AGAIN BY GREEKS. DURING MAY 20 EXPERTS COMMITTEE MEETING, TURK CYPRIOTS OVERHEARD OTHER SIDE DISCUSS PLAN FOR IMMINENT TRAVEL. CHECKING WITH DENKTASH, THEY LEARNED GREEKS WERE DEPARTING FOR STRASBOURG.

5. TURK CYPRIOT TEAM AT COE WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE OSMAN OREK AND WILL INCLUDE NECATI MUNIR AND NECATI ZAIM. ACCORDING SULEYMAN, TRIP WILL DELAY PRESENTATION TURKISH PAPER FOR AT LEAST ONE WEEK. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER PARALLEL TEXTS COULD BE PREPARED IN TIME FOR VIENNA II.

6. COMMENT: TURK ABSENCES AND GREEK INJURIES RAISE DOUBT AS TO WHETHER EXPERTS CAN HOLD TO TIMETABLE WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO PRESENT USEFUL DOCUMENT JUNE 5 AT VIENNA II. SUDDEN TRAVEL PLANS OF EXPERTS CAME AS SURPRISE TO UN AND THIS EMBASSY. BEING UNCLEAR ON COE PROCEDURES, THOUGH, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO READ MORE OMINOUS SIGNIFICANCE INTO THESE DEVELOPMENTS. WOULD APPRECIATE READ-OUT FROM AMCONSUL STRASBOURG ON MAY 21 MEETING. END COMMENT.

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